the private/public sector in the non-SSI segment and investment therein during the last three years and till date are as follows :

| | Number | Investment (Rs. Cr.) |
|---|---|---|
| For last three years (From 1997 to 1999) | 119 | 7,135 |
| From 1-8-91 to 31-3-2000 | 413 | 18,447 |

(c) With the introduction of the New Industrial Policy in July 1991, investment decisions have been left to the entrepreneurs based on their commercial perception, which in turn is based on the initiatives taken by the State Governments/Union Territories in the creation of conducive economic environment by way of providing basic infrastructure facilities and other incentives. Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Government through various Central Schemes and incentives.

**Participation of Tobacco Board in W.H.O. discussions**

4417. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Tobacco Board held any discussions with the Health Ministry on participation in W.H.O. discussions in Geneva;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any representative of the Tobacco Board or the Ministry went as a delegate to the W.H.O. meeting in Geneva; and

(d) if so, the details of the proceedings ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.